

Mr. BOWIE thought that this amendment ought at least to pass. He referred to a petition which he said had been sent here, or would be sent here, to form a new county out of Frederick county and a portion of Washington county; and he supposed that in course of time, the Western portion of the State would lay the strong hand of power upon the balance of Maryland, and would go in for dividing their counties into small counties, by which they would obtain additional representation, both in the House of Delegates and in the Senate.

Mr. THOMAS said that he was compelled to say a few words to correct an error. The President of the Convention knew very well the growing little village of Weaverton, situated on the banks of the Potomac. The petition referred to by the gentleman, had been gotten up by the influence of that growing village, to divide Frederick and Washington counties, not Frederick and Baltimore counties. He knew that there was a remonstrance against this, about as numerous against as for the proposition. He knew that the delegation were unanimous against such a proposition either now or in the future.

The question was then taken on the amendment offered by Mr. THOMAS, and it was agreed to.

The question then recurred upon agreeing to the report as amended, upon which the yeas and nays had been ordered, which were taken with the following result:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Chambers, of Kent, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, Grason, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Fiery, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Anderson, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith and Shower—37.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricard, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Sollers, Jenifer, Dickinson, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Jacobs, Carter, Ware, Davis, Kilgour and Waters—32.

So the article was adopted as amended.

Mr. BOWIE gave notice of his intention when the Convention is full, to move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention just taken on said article.

After some conversation as to the business before the Convention—

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, the Convention took up for consideration the report submitted by Mr. Johnson, chairman of the Committee on the Legislative Department; the question pending before the Convention at the time the report was postponed being on an amendment offered by Mr. Donaldson, as a substitute for the third section of the report, and to be found on page 334 of Journal, viz:

"The first election for delegates shall be held on the first Monday of November, 1851, and the delegates then chosen shall hold their seats for

the term of one year only; the Senators heretofore elected shall hold their seats until the first Monday of November, 1852, when an election shall be held for Senators and Delegates; and thereafter, on the same day in every alternate year, an election shall be held for delegates and for one-half of the Senators, as nearly as may be, unless, in accordance with the preceding sections, the Legislature shall provide for the annual election of delegates."

Mr. DONALDSON (with the consent of the Convention) so modified his amendment as to insert after the word "on," in the first line, the words "the Tuesday after," and after the word "the," fourth line, by inserting "Tuesday after the."

The question then recurred upon accepting the substitute, as amended, in lieu of the third section of the report.

Mr. BOWIE said he would like to know the reason why there should be a change of the day from the second Wednesday of October to the first Monday of November.

Mr. CHAMBERS demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered and taken, and resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricard, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Jacobs, Fiery, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—32.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, McCullough, Miller, Grason, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Michael Newcomer, Anderson, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, and Shower—34.

So the Convention refused to accept the substitute.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the 3d section of the report.

Mr. GRASON remarked that the election of delegates and the Governor ought to be on the same day.

Mr. CHAMBERS said, he had hoped that the election would not be on a Monday. It had, however, been the practice many years ago, but it was a practice exceedingly unpleasant and annoying, especially to the religious portion of the people, as citizens were in the habit of assembling at different points to canvass the merits and fitness of the different candidates in the field; and thus politics were the order of the Sabbath day, and consequently its sanctity was violated and desecrated. To select Monday would, in his judgment, be a very retrograde step.

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, the section was amended by striking out in the second line "Monday," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "Wednesday."

Mr. C. observed that what the majority of the